THE FOURTH DAY.

15th February 1913.

SUBJECTS.

35. Amendments to the Game Preservation Regulation Amendment Bill.

The Assembly met at 11 A. M. on Saturday, the 15th February 1913.

Mr. A. J. Wright (Member, the Kanan Devan Planters' Association) said that, for some time past, the question of game preservation had been engaging the attention of the Kanan Devan Planters' Association, and the Association was glad that the recommendations made by them to the Government were considered in connection with the new Bill to amend the Game Preservation Regulation, III of 1073, now before the Legislative Council. As the recommendations of the Association were now before the Select Committee, the Member did not wish to enter into those proposals in detail, but he said that he had only one or two points to mention.

Firstly, he said that it was right that the Government were taking power to frame rules under the Regulation, and he noted that provision would be made in the rules, when framed, about the animals the slaughter of which was to be prohibited entirely, the sizes of the trophies which might be legitimately killed, the number of heads, and the like. In his district, the sportsmen had agreed by common consent to subject themselves to the limits in regard to the heads of animals which the Association had prescribed in their letter to the Government.

Secondly, in regard to 'fish', about which Mr. P. Kesava Pillai had an amendment, he said that he (Mr. Kesava Pillai) was evidently thinking of the fish in the plains. Since 1908, the Association had collected and spent about Rs. 5,000 for introducing 'trout' into the streams. The efforts hitherto made had not met with success, but the Association intended to continue the experiments, in the hope of attaining success eventually. The experiment had already been tried in the streams in all parts of Yellappatti and round about Munnar. He therefore said that fish should also be protected and brought within the purview of the new Bill.

Lastly, the Member requested that, if possible, the Game Committee might be allowed to supervise the working of the licenses granted under the Regulation after it became law. He added that the District Magistrate would always be a Member of the Committee and that there should not therefore be much objection to the grant of the request.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestions of the Member are noted for consideration in the Legislative Council.

36. Suggestions for amending the Towns Conservancy and Improvement Regulation.

Mr. G. Sankaranarayana Iyer (Member, T. I. C., Shencotta) first submitted that the boundaries of the Shencotta town should be modified so as to include within it

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